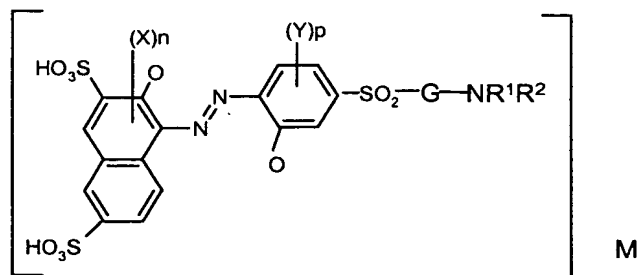


CLAIMS

1. A compound of Formula (1) or a salt thereof:



Formula (1)

wherein:

- X and Y are each independently a substituent;
 G is optionally substituted C₁₋₁₂-alkylene;
 M is a metal
 n is 0 to 6;
 p is 0 to 3;
 R¹ is optionally substituted C₁₋₈-alkyl, optionally substituted C₅₋₈ cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl or an optionally substituted heterocycle; and
 R² is H, or C₁₋₄-alkyl;
 provided that R¹ is free from carboxy groups.

2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein M is Cu²⁺.
3. A compound according to either claim 1 or claim 2 wherein G is optionally substituted C₁₋₄-alkyl.
4. A compound according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R¹ is optionally substituted C₁₋₈-alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl or an optionally substituted heterocycyl.
5. A compound according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R² is H or methyl.
6. A composition comprising a compound as described in any one of claims 1 to 4 and a liquid medium.

7. A composition according to claim 6 which is an ink suitable for use in an ink jet printer.
8. A process for forming an image on a substrate which comprises applying an ink as described in claim 7 thereto by means of an ink jet printer.
9. A paper, a plastic, a textile, metal or glass, or an overhead projector slide printed with a compound as described in any one of claims 1 to 6.
10. An ink jet printer cartridge comprising a chamber and an ink wherein the ink is in the chamber and the ink is as defined in claim 7.